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Amendments To The Claims

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

- 1-12. (canceled)
- 13. (new) A package providing apparatus for providing a package wherein the package is composed of contents including a component or item, the apparatus comprising:
- a package metadata generating unit for generating package metadata including relation metadata describing temporal relation and spatial relation between the contents; and
 - a providing unit for providing the package metadata.
- 14. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein the temporal relation includes absolute temporal information or relative temporal information.
- 15. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 13, wherein the spatial relation includes relative distance information.
- 16. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 15, wherein the spatial relation includes relative size information according to a user interface.
- 17. (new) A package consuming apparatus for consuming a package wherein the package is composed of contents including a component or item, the

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apparatus comprising:

a package metadata obtaining unit for obtaining package metadata including relation metadata describing temporal relation and spatial relation between the contents; and

an analyzing unit for analyzing the package metadata.

- 18. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 17, wherein the temporal relation includes absolute temporal information or relative temporal information.
- 19. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 17, wherein the spatial relation includes relative distance information.
- 20. (new) The apparatus as recited in claim 19, wherein the spatial relation includes relative size information according to a user interface.
- 21. (new) A package providing method for providing a package wherein the package is composed of contents including a component or item, the method comprising:

generating package metadata including relation metadata describing temporal relation and spatial relation between the contents; and providing the package metadata.

- 22. (new) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the temporal relation includes absolute temporal information or relative temporal information.
- 23. (new) The method as recited in claim 21, wherein the spatial relation

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includes relative distance information.

24. (new) The method as recited in claim 23, wherein the spatial relation includes relative size information according to a user interface.

25. (new) A package consuming method for consuming a package wherein the package is composed of contents including a component or item, the method comprising:

obtaining package metadata including relation metadata describing temporal relation and spatial relation between the contents; and analyzing the package metadata.

- 26. (new) The method as recited in claim 25, wherein the temporal relation includes absolute temporal information or relative temporal information.
- 27. (new) The method as recited in claim 25, wherein the spatial relation includes relative distance information.
- 28. (new) The method as recited in claim 27, wherein the spatial relation includes relative size information according to a user interface.
- 29. (new) A system for providing and consuming a package wherein the package is composed of contents including a component or item, the system comprising:

a package providing apparatus comprising a package metadata generating unit for generating package metadata including relation metadata describing

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temporal relation and spatial relation between the contents and a providing unit for providing the package metadata; and

a package consuming apparatus comprising a package metadata obtaining unit for obtaining the package metadata and an analyzing unit for analyzing the package metadata.

- 30. (new) The system as recited in claim 29, wherein the temporal relation includes absolute temporal information or relative temporal information.
- 31. (new) The system as recited in claim 29, wherein the spatial relation includes relative distance information.
- 32. (new) The system as recited in claim 31, wherein the spatial relation includes relative size information according to a user interface.
- 33. (new) A relation metadata for describing relation between a plurality of contents including component or item, wherein the relation metadata describes temporal relation and spatial relation between the contents.
- 34. (new) The relation metadata as recited in claim 33, wherein the temporal relation includes absolute temporal information or relative temporal information.
- 35. (new) The relation metadata as recited in claim 33, wherein the spatial relation includes relative distance information.
- 36. (new) The relation metadata as recited in claim 35, wherein the spatial

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relation includes relative size information according to a user interface.